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NDDOT and city officials celebrate completion of State Avenue Railroad Bridge project in Dickinson

Today, the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) along with officials from the city of Dickinson and other state officials celebrated the completion of the State Avenue Railroad Bridge project at a ribbon cutting event in Dickinson.

"With the completion of the State Avenue Railroad Bridge, we are separating approximately 7,000 vehicle a day from 15-20 trains per day," said Grant Levi, NDDOT Director. "This will enhance safety for the traveling public and ensure emergency responders are not delayed."

The two-year project began in 2015 and consisted of constructing a bridge over the BNSF railroad on State Avenue. Other work included underground utilities, concrete and asphalt roadway, retaining walls, traffic signals, lighting and sidewalk. The total cost of the project was approximately \$33 million.

"The improvements made to the roadway have truly enhanced this area," said Dickinson Mayor Scott Decker. "The partnerships between the city and the residents and business owners in Dickinson were all instrumental in assisting the NDDOT in meeting the transportation needs of this community."

The Dickinson area has had numerous roadway projects taking place this year including:

- Dickinson Bypass
- Killdeer Bypass
- Interstate reconstruction west of Medora
- Reconstruction of ND 200 from Killdeer to Grassy Butte

In total, the state has invested \$2.3 billion in one-time state funding since 2011 for state highways. This has allowed the NDDOT to expand existing roadways, build new bridges, construct bypass routes, and improve safety for the traveling public.